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Local Marines give blood for overseas service members

Blood drive collects 47 pints for service members stationed

By Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr. and Cpl. Anthony D. Pike
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Marines and sailors from local bases went to Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif., March 6 to donate blood to the Blood Donor Center, Naval Medical Center, San Diego as part of an effort to provide blood to military units overseas.

The Blood Donor Center set up shop in the Miramar Exchange and Commissary parking lot, screened potential donors and collected 47 pints of blood from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

According to Doreen Rekoski, recruiter and public affairs specialist, Blood Donor Center, the majority of the blood collected will be shipped out to troops overseas.

"We are sending out about six times the normal amount of blood to support our troops," said Rekoski.

"We need to have the blood there before it is needed," added Rekoski.

With all the blood that

is being sent overseas, the hospitals still come first and are stocked prior to shipping out excess blood, according to Rekoski.

According to Rekoski, the medical center tries its best to take care of our troops also.

With Marines and sailors from California deploying in preparation for a possible war with Iraq, normal blood donors are in short supply, according to Rekoski.

"We need our troops who are left behind, families, retired military members, Department of Defense civilians and contractors to donate their blood," said Rekoski. "Many of our normal donors are deployed and we need to take care of them."

The reasons Marines and sailors came out to MCAS Miramar to donate blood echoed the same, to help their countrymen.

"I came because somebody might need my blood," said Sgt. Ruby Magana, repair technician, Ground Electronics Maintenance Division, Headquarters and Headquarters and Service Squadron, MCAS Miramar.

"Whether it's needed on the battlefield or for somebody in a car wreck here," added Magana.

The Blood Donor Center is planning to come to the Depot for a blood drive sometime in April. For more information on how to donate blood or any future locations, contact the Blood Donor Center at (619) 532-6653.

Company I clears training, heads forward to Corps



Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr.

Pvt. Timothy W. Yoder, Platoon 3058, Company I, ensures his rifle has a clear chamber before exiting the firing line at Range 501, Edson Range, Camp Pendleton. Company I fired the unknown distance course during training at Edson Range.

Weapons and Field Training Battalion hits Depot for day of fun and games

Battalion Marines enjoy day of sporting events, activities provided by Marine Corps Community Services

By Cpl. Anthony D. Pike
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The Marines who oversee marksmanship and initial field training of Marine recruits ventured south from their rough and tumble environment aboard Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, March 7.

Drawn out by the promise of food and fun from Marine Corps Community Services here, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, a satellite recruit training unit, visited its home command, the Depot, for

a company fun day.

Marine Corps Community Services sent the invitation to Edson Range Marines as a chance to highlight some of the activities that the Depot has to offer, as well as to remind the Marines that the Depot is here for them, according to Brent Poser, Director, Semper Fit, MCRD.

"We want the Edson Range Marines to know that our activities are meant just as much for them as they are for Depot Marines," said Poser commenting on the fact that the Marines work on Camp Pendleton.

The day began with a formation run for the Marines of Headquarters Company, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, as the sun began to break the crest of the San Diego skyline. After the run it was time for sporting events such

as softball and volleyball, warrior events like paintball and an underlying sense of unit cohesion.

"This is a chance for us to get away from the work environment and build some unit camaraderie," said Gunnery Sgt. Lawrence Chavez, company first sergeant.

Marines of all ranks were able to enjoy themselves, the events and the food on the sunny day spent at the Depot.

"Today has been a lot of fun," said Cpl. Cruz Gutierrez, vehicle operator, Motor Transport, Weapons and Field Training Battalion. "It has given us a chance to come together and really get to know each other. I am looking forward to another chance to do this."

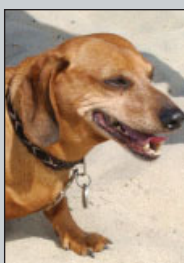
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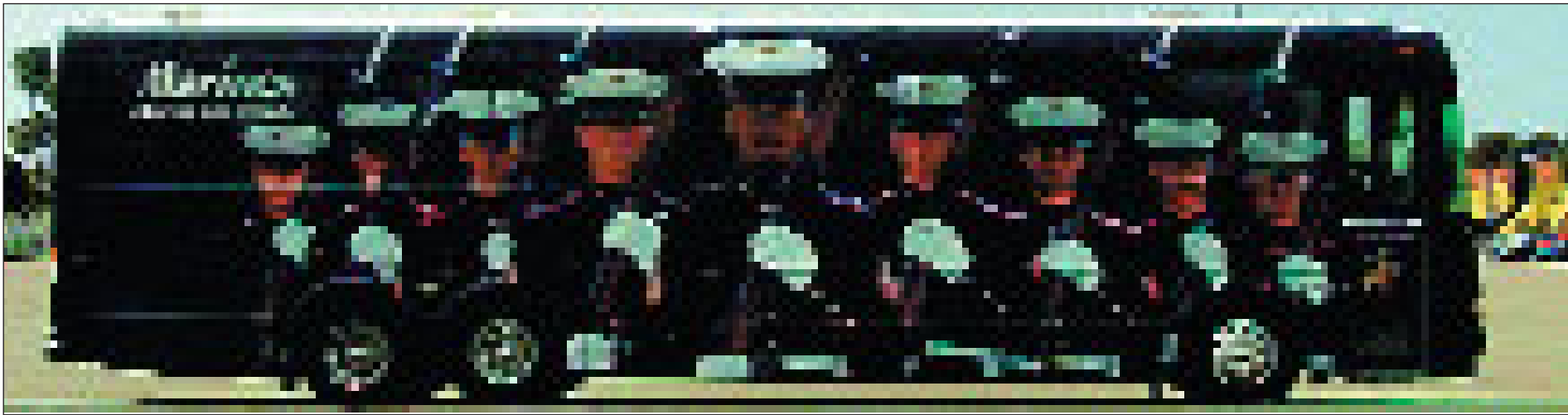
Dog Beach gives dogs and humans a place to roam and play.

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Women's varsity team gets own taste of March madness.

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Courtesy of Vince T. Sablan

The new rolling billboard is a Blue Bird LT C40 Luxury Touring Coach that was presented to the Depot Jan. 17, from Headquarters, Marine Corps.

Marketing takes a new, longer approach

By Lance Cpl.
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The Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, and the Western Recruiting Region are the recipients of a new billboard on wheels for use by the Southwest Region Fleet Transportation here.

The new rolling billboard is a Blue Bird LTC40 Luxury Touring Coach that was presented to the Depot Jan. 17, from Headquarters Marine Corps, according to Vince T. Sablan, fleet manager, Southwest Region Fleet Transportation, MCRD.

"I love it," said Sablan. "It's a great piece of equipment to add to our fleet."

The coach is used as a marketing and recruiting tool.

"It's like a moving billboard," said Capt. Cornell A. Payne, recruiter support officer, Marine Corps Recruiting Command.

"It generates leads and builds general awareness with 1-800-MARINES and Marines.com," added Payne.

The MCRD band will be the primary users of the coach. Key Volunteers, VIPs and reunion groups may also put in requests to reserve the coach.

The outside of the coach displays the Silent Drill Platoon wearing the Dress "A" uniform and the other side of the bus shows the noncommissioned officer's sword with the slogan, "Earned. Never given."

"The key point for these decals being chosen was because they are easily identifiable as Marine," said Payne.

"The visual graphics make it easily recognizable without reading anything," added Payne.

The inside of the coach is filled with amenities as well.

Some of the features inside the coach are a Video Cassette Recorder hooked up to five tele-

vision sets and a stereo system, a restroom with sink, reclining seats and adjustable head rests.

"It's really nice for the Marine Band to travel in style," said Gunnery Sgt. Michael J. Powell, enlisted bandleader, MCRD Band.

"What a great recruiting tool for the Marine Corps," added Powell.

This mobile advertisement travels as far as Pasadena, Calif., for the Rose Bowl Parade.

"We started parking it around the base when it is not in use so everyone can be aware of it and see it," said Sablan.

The coach is accessible to

everyone via its kneeling feature which allows it to drop down six inches, making it easier on the elderly and handicap.

This coach is built for everyone's safety, with its rear view monitor panel allowing the driver to see what is going on behind it.

"It has an instrument panel like an airplane cockpit," said Sablan.

This coach is not only advanced in technology, but also in the new age of advertising.

A different side of the coach can be seen off Interstate 5 each week while it is stored in the back of the motor transportation.

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Functions that bring the whole company together like this are a rare occasion for the Marines of Headquarters Company, according to Capt. John South, commanding officer, Headquarters Company, Weapons and Field Training Battalion.

"A gap in recruit training (like this two week opening) only happens once or twice a year," said South. "It makes it a rare opportunity for us to do a company function."

The help that MCCA provided to the Marines insured no one would have to pay out of pocket for the activities.

"MCCA gave us great support," said South. "Everything has been free for us, from the bowling to the food. MCCA support helped to make this a great day."

As most Marines are competitive by nature, the day ended naturally, with the awarding of plaques to the top sections.

Ordinance, maintenance and supply shops were awarded plaques based on the overall outcome of the day's activities and accomplishments, according to Chavez.

Safety Corner: alternative heating sources can be deadly mistake

By Christy Lochrie
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If Tracey Martinez had her way every home in the inland area would have a carbon monoxide detector.

"People don't realize that in a matter of minutes, death from carbon monoxide can occur," said Martinez, spokeswoman for the San Bernardino County Fire Department.

The odorless, colorless and tasteless gas is a byproduct of burning fuels, like gas.

The poisonous gas replaces oxygen in the bloodstream, causing symptoms that, in the beginning, seem like the flu, authorities said.

And it can kill. Carbon monoxide poisoning is most prevalent when people use alternate means to heat their homes, authorities said.

"I can't tell you the number of times we go into a house and there's someone trying to heat their home with (gas stove) burners," said Capt. Richard Lewis of

the Redlands Fire Department.

It's a dangerous proposition in several ways. The open flame could catch something on fire and could be a source of carbon monoxide poisoning.

"A natural gas stove and an oven is not designed to be used as a heater," said Denise King, spokeswoman for the Southern California Gas Company.

Lewis also warned against bringing barbecue grills indoors for cooking and heating.

"There're a lot of people who think that's a good way to cook and heat at the same time," Lewis said.

In an unventilated home, the briquettes can produce a significant and potentially fatal amount of carbon monoxide, Martinez said.

Regardless of whether a home's heat source is gas or wood, carbon monoxide poisoning is a common wintertime risk, authorities say.

Even an improperly vented fireplace can cause a build up of carbon monoxide gas. "The more poorly it burns, the more

carbon monoxide parts (in the air)," Padilla said.

Officials suggest annual inspections of heating appliances. "The gas company will inspect natural gas-burning appliances free of charge," King said. Even if everything is in tip-top shape, you can't be too careful.

"Always keep a window cracked," said Capt. Victor Padilla of the Loma Linda Fire Department.

"A slightly open window will ensure a flow of fresh air and reduce the likelihood of poisonous gas build-up," Padilla said.

No matter what the heat source, authorities recommend investing the roughly \$50 it costs to buy a carbon monoxide detector.

"The cost is not exorbitant," Padilla said.

Experts recommend the following steps to avoid potentially fatal carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Have all fuel-burning appliances inspected by a professional annually.

- Vent fuel-burning appliance fumes.
- Read and follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Don't use a gas oven or stove to heat a home.
- Don't idle a car or other engine in a garage or other confined space.
- Don't sleep in a room with an un-vented gas or kerosene heater.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are:

- Low Levels: shortness of breath, mild nausea, mild headaches.
- Moderate Levels: severe headaches, dizziness, mental confusion, nausea, feeling faint.

For more information on carbon monoxide gas or alternative sources of heat, contact the: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and National Fire Protection Association.

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In the words of the Depot Sergeant Major

Don't be left out on Saint Patrick's Day.

By Sergeant Major Bruce A. Mackamul
Sergeant Major MCRD/WRR

It is hard to believe that spring is almost here again and with spring comes an old Irish celebration, St. Patrick's Day.

Most of us who are not Irish still like to participate in the celebration. Sipping "Irish milk" at your local Irish pub and singing Irish songs are not the only reason we honor St. Patrick. Just so you are not embarrassed on St. Paddy's Day I am going to give you some insight on this wonderful tradition. So break out your shamrocks and for at least one day out of the year you will be able to claim that you have a "Bit of the Irish."

Saint Patrick's Day (March 17th), is an Irish holiday honoring Saint Patrick, the missionary credited with converting the Irish to Christianity (in the A.D. 400's).

In America, Saint Patrick's Day is a time to wear green and party. The first American celebration of Saint Patrick's Day was in Boston, in 1737.

Saint Patrick - It is rumored that his real name was Maewyn Succat. He was kidnapped at the age of 16 by pirates and sold into slavery.

During his six years of captivity he found strength in his religious faith. After he escaped, Saint Patrick studied religion in Europe then traveled to Ireland to spread the Christian word there.

He used the shamrock, which resembles a three leafed clover, as a metaphor to explain the concept

of the Trinity (father, son, holy spirit). Legend has it that Saint Patrick drove all the snakes out of Ireland. Of course, the snake was revered pagan symbol and perhaps this was a figurative tale alluding to the fact that he drove paganism out of Ireland.

Shamrock - A member of the clover family. According to Irish legend, Ireland's patron saint chose the shamrock as a symbol of the Trinity.

To this day the shamrock remains the national emblem of Ireland and is worn proudly by Irish people the world over on Saint Patrick's Day. No one can agree on which shamrock plant St. Patrick picked. Many claim it is the small hop clover, a plant with yellow flowers and blue-green leaflets. Other believe it is a variety of white clover or the black medic. These plants are native to Europe and naturalized in North America.

The Blarney Stone - A stone that is set in the wall of Blarney Castle tower in the Irish village of Blarney. Kissing the stone is supposed to bring the kisser the gift of persuasive eloquence (blarney). The origins of the blarney Stone's magical properties aren't clear, but one legend says that an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning. Kissing the stone while under the spell gave the king the ability to speak sweetly and convincingly.

Leprechaun - The name leprechaun is derived from the old Irish word *luchorpan* which means "little body." The leprechaun is a fairy that takes the appearance of a miniature old man. Leprechauns are solitary creatures and spend their time making shoes and brogues (a stout coarse shoe worn formerly in Ireland).

If you hear the sound of his hammer when he

is at work you know you have found him. If caught, he can be forced to reveal the whereabouts of his treasure, but the captor must keep his eyes on the leprechaun every second. If the captor's eyes leave the leprechaun, just for a moment, he will vanish.

One other thing before I go, the Annual St. Patrick's Day "Fun Run" will take place today. Registration will begin at noon at the Recreation Center, with the race starting at 3 p.m. Free T-shirts for all participants, free food after the race and awards to the top three finishers in each age category. Rumor has it that the elusive (LEP-RECON) might be there.

It doesn't matter if you are a runner or a walker, strap on those sneakers and join us. Just a reminder, make sure you are wearing your green this Monday or you might get pinched. Now you realize there was more to Saint Patrick's Day than just eating corned beef and cabbage and drinking green beer. I wish you all a Happy Saint Patrick's Day and pass to you this old Irish blessing:

May you always have.....
Walls for the winds
A roof for the rain
Tea beside the fire
Laughter to cheer you
Those you love near you
And all your heart might desire



Civil War flick not worth the time

'Gods and Generals' comes up short on big screen

By Cpl. Ethan E. Rocke
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The story in "Gods" follows the early years of the war from 1861 to 1863.

The dominant character and what most would call the protagonist throughout the film is the famous Confederate General Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, played by Stephen Lang.

Lang's mirror in the film and the other "driving" character is the Union's Lt. Col. Joshua Chamberlain, played by Jeff Daniels.

Both characters seem overacted and unbelievable throughout the film, thanks to the exaggerated, romantic dialogue written into the script. The long-winded speeches that pop up throughout the movie, while poetic, lack the emotional impact and profound message that the filmmakers seem to be trying to convey. At one point in the film, Chamberlain recites a speech from "Julius Caesar" as Union troops cross the Rappahannock River to meet the Confederates at the Battle of Fredericksburg.

Like many scenes in the film, the dialogue is misplaced and, mixed with the action of the battle scenes, makes for a poor flow—perhaps the film's most unattractive quality, given its length.

Robert Duvall plays Confederate Commanding General Robert E. Lee who fortunately is spared the long drawn out speeches.

However, the wives of the two main characters, Anna Jackson, played by Kali Rocha, and Fanny Chamberlain, played by Mira Sorvino also blow plenty of hot air in the movie, which is pretty amazing, considering Sorvino's limited screen time. One of the themes throughout "Gods" is the tragedy of the war pitting brother against brother and Americans fighting and killing each other as enemies—an act that many of us find hard to stomach today.

This very sad part of our history would probably have had some significant emotional impact on me if characters like Jackson, who has little reservation over the subject and is quite passionate about the Confederate cause, didn't continuously detract from that element of the film so heavily.

The filmmakers could have highlighted this theme better with more prominent characters being faced with the reality of battling their brothers.

Instead they sprinkled scenes throughout that fall short of stirring emotions.

One that comes to mind is a scene in which a Confederate and a Union soldier meet each other in the middle of a river to share a moment of peace, a cup of coffee and a pipe on Christmas. Scenes like this could have been effective if it was expanded on later in the movie. "Gods" covers the battles of Manassas, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and sadly, even the battle scenes lack the realistic feel that makes a war movie memorable and heart wrenching. Jackson's death from pneumonia not long after a friendly-fire incident at Chancellorsville is the climactic event in "Gods" and, like the rest of the film, it lacks the believability, pace and flow that is necessary to stir an emotional response.

Save yourself nine dollars and three and a half hours, and let "Gods and Generals" die a quick death at the box office.

Editor's note: Uniforms were provided by the Depot command museum.



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Fun in the sun at Pacific Beach



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In some parts of the country, going to the beach is a seasonal activity, with a visit dependent on Mother Nature's mood. But in sunny San Diego, the beaches are always open and the possibilities are endless, especially on the city's very popular Pacific Beach.

The two-mile stretch of California coastline that starts at Crystal Pier and extends south is Pacific Beach. The beach itself is one of many sites to see in the San Diego community of Pacific Beach.

The area draws a diverse crowd with plenty of activities for people of all ages and interests.

"The youth and energy down here is great," said Ben Moore, student, University of California, San Diego. "It's a nice place to come and relax, and you get to be around people with a lot of energy."

Beach goers can enjoy traditional beach activities such as swimming, surfing, body boarding or just soaking up some rays.

"I come here for the surf and the atmosphere," said Keith Peterson, Lemon Grove resident. "I've got a lot of friends out here, and it's just a cool place to hang out."

There are beach rental outfits at the north end of Pacific Beach for anyone looking for beach equipment.

Just off the beach is a cement boardwalk that parallels the entire two-mile stretch. Jogging, bicycling

and skateboarding are just a few of the many activities that can be enjoyed on the boardwalk. For those who simply wish to take a peaceful walk on the busy boardwalk, speed is regulated to no faster than eight miles per hour.

"Just about everything in Pacific Beach is within walking distance from the beach, which is nice," said Moore.

Anyone not interested in fun in the sun and sand can visit the various shops, restaurants and bars all along the north end of Pacific Beach.

"There's so much to do here; so many places to go and so much to see," said Sharon Berquist, student, University of California, San Diego. "Pacific Beach just has a great, welcoming atmosphere."



Staff Sgt. Bryan P. Reed

An AV-8B Harrier from Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 263, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable), lands on the flight deck of the USS Nassau while conducting flight operations March 6 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Depot Briefs

Navy-Marine Corps Relief fund drive

This year's Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Fund Drive is currently underway and will be conducted until March 31. The NMCRS is a non-profit charitable organization whose purpose is to assist Navy and Marine Corps personnel in time of need. The primary assistance provided is the disbursement of interest-free loans and grants, budget counseling, food locker services, thrift shops and new parent support classes. Last year the campaign raised over \$10 million and helped provide over \$40 million in services to less fortunate service members. Please help "take care of our own" and make this year's fund drive a successful campaign. Contact your unit's NMCRS representative for information on how to make a contribution.

Rock'N'Roll Marathon pre-paid entries

Active duty Marines stationed at the Depot who are interested in participating in this year's Rock'N'Roll Marathon may be able to receive pre-paid entry into the event. The pre-paid entries will be offered to Marines aboard Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, on a first-come, first-served basis before being offered to Marines aboard other area bases. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Timothy C. Sanchez at (619) 524-1754 or by e-mail at sancheztc@mcrdsd.usmc.mil.

Designated Driver Association

Volunteering for the Designated Drivers Association is a fun and proactive way for service members to get involved in the community and help make a real difference, not to mention help out other service members. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and have a valid drivers license, valid insurance and a good driving record.

For more information, visit the Designated Drivers Association Web site at www.ddasd.org or call (866) 373-7233.

Free electronic tax filing

The Headquarters Company classroom, located in Building 6 West, has computers and assistance personnel available for electronic tax filing. The center is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30-11 a.m. and from 1-4:30 p.m. The center is open Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. This service is available to all active duty, retired and military family members. The following forms will be filled out at the tax center: 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040, 540EZ, 540A, 540 and 540NR. For more information call (619) 524-4111.

MCRD Regional Volleyball tryouts

MCRD Regional Volleyball team tryouts will be held today beginning at 4 p.m., at the Depot Fieldhouse. Experience is not required. For more information call (619) 524-0548.

All-Marine Baseball tryouts

The All-Marine Baseball tryouts are being held at Camp Pendleton's 13 Area softball field March 22-23 and 29-30. Tryouts begin at 10 a.m. on both week-ends. For further information, please call Marine Corps Community Services Athletics at (619) 524-6085/8230 or 0548.

America's Schooner Cup Charity Regatta

The 17th annual America's Schooner Cup Charity Regatta returns to San Diego Bay March 29-30. The annual race offers San Diego the opportunity to view world-class racing of classic schooner sailing vessels, while providing a venue to raise money for the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society. Races begin at noon on both days. For more information call (619) 223-3138.

Joint warfighting essay contest

May 1 is the deadline for the annual Armed Forces Joint Warfighting Essay Contest sponsored by the Naval Institute and the Boeing Company. The contest is open to anyone and should pertain to combat interoperability of hardware and procedures, or other issues involving two or more services. For more information go to www.navalinstitute.org.

Depot Officer Dining In

The Depot's Officer Dining In will be held May 10 at the U.S. Grant Hotel. Ticket prices will be between \$45 and \$50 a person. Parking at the hotel will not be included in the price of the meal. There are hotel rooms available at the hotel for \$99. These discounted room rates will be available through April 10. To reserve a room, call the Wyndham Historic Hotel Reservations directly at (619) 232-3121. Identify yourself as a member of MCRD's Officer Dining In and they will set up the rest. For more information, contact Maj. Bill Wischmeyer at (619) 524-1955.

Recruiters assistance opportunities

Recruiting Station Louisville, Ky., is seeking

Marines from Kentucky, Southern Indiana and the greater Cincinnati area to participate in recruiters assistance. For more information contact Sgt. Maj. Leon Jordan at (502) 582-6612 or 6610 or e-mail at jordanl@4mcd.usmc.mil.

Blood donations for troops

Naval Medical Center, San Diego, has a critical need for blood donations. The Blood Donor Center at NMCS has been tasked to provide additional units of blood to meet the requirements of the Armed Services Blood Program which supplies blood products to our deployed troops. But, even as the need increases, the pool of military donors has decreased due to deployment. The support of the remaining eligible donors is needed -- active duty service members, reservists, retirees, family members and Department of Defense civilians and contractors.

The Blood Donor Center is located at NMCS in Building 2, 1st floor. The center is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact the center at (619) 532-6650 for more information. Walk-in appointments are available.

Depot religious services

Friday
Jewish 5:45-8:30 p.m. at the Semper Chai Chapel.

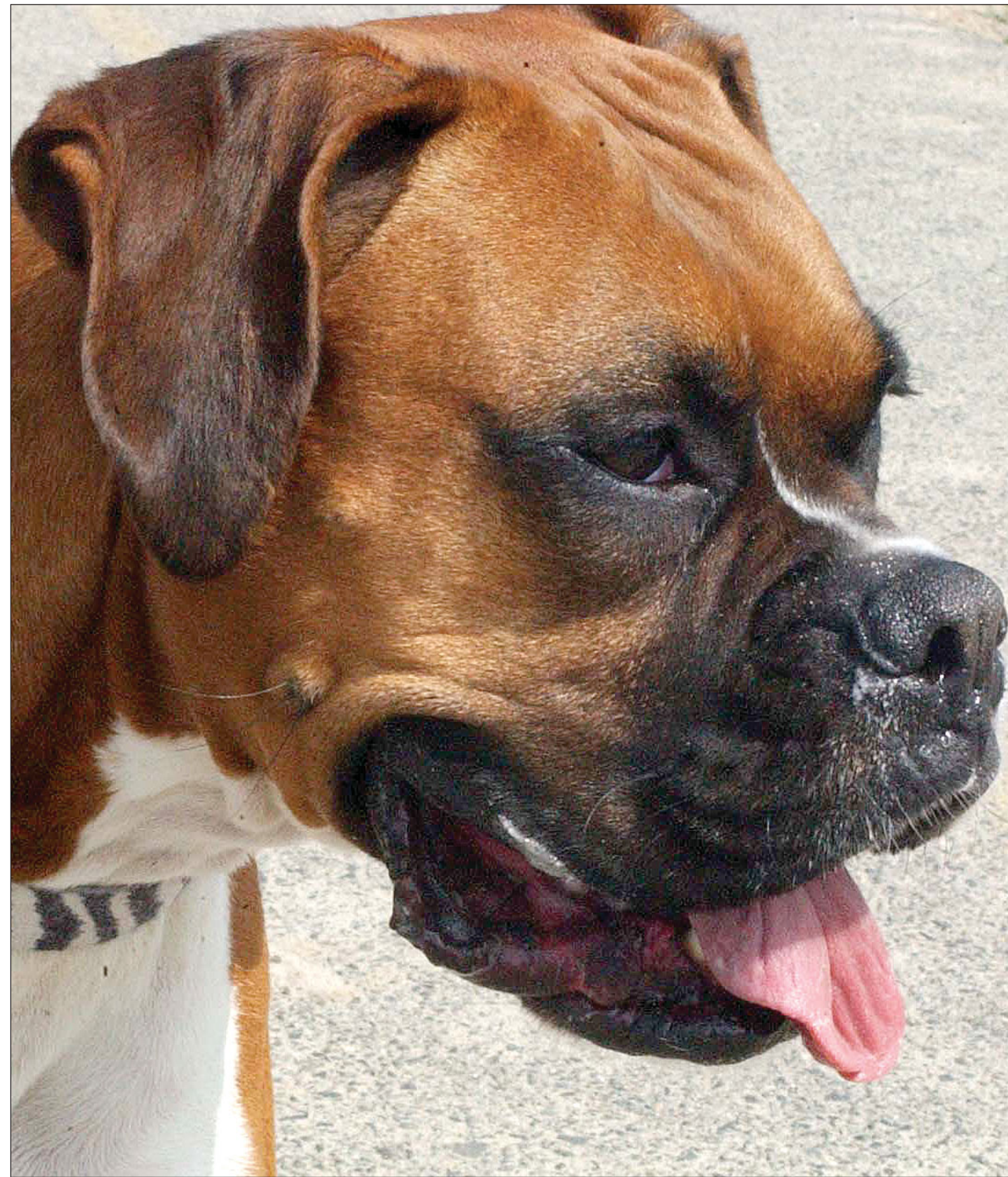
Saturday
7th Day Adventist 7:30-8:45 a.m. at the Recruit Training Regiment Chaplain's Office.

Sunday
Al-Islam 8:30-11 a.m. at the RTR Chaplain's Office.
Buddhist 8-11 a.m. at the RTR Chaplain's Office.
Christian Science 7:30-9 a.m. at the RTR Chaplain's Office.

Church of Christ 7:30-9:45 a.m. at the Depot Theater.
Latter Day Saints 8:15-9:45 a.m. at the Academic Instruction Unit, Bldg. 626, Room 106.

Lutheran Episcopal 8:15-10:50 a.m. at the Depot Chapel.
Orthodox 7:30-10:50 a.m. at the RTR Chaplain's Office.
Pentecostal-Charismatic 8:30-10:30 a.m. at AIU, Bldg. 626, Room 108.
Protestant (General) 10-11 a.m. at the Depot Theater.
Roman Catholic 8:15-9:15 a.m. at the Depot Theater.

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A trip to Dog Beach in Ocean Beach, Calif., is enough excitement to put a smile on any dog's face. Bella, a Boxer from Napa Valley, Calif., on her first trip to Dog Beach takes a break from mingling with other dogs.



Arin Williams of Ocean Beach, Calif., uses city provided waste bags to clean up after her dog during trips to the beach. Dog Beach is a fun place to visit, but responsibility for dog cleanup should not be overlooked.



Dogs, humans bond for fun, recreation, love at Dog Beach

Story and photos by Cpl. Shawn
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They serve, protect and defend. Words such as loyalty, discipline and obedience are used to describe them. To many, they have earned the title of man's best friend.

Most experts believe the partnership between dogs and humans began within the last 15,000 years. Prehistoric paintings of doglike animals hunting with humans found on the walls of Spanish caves support this theory.

Today, the bond between dog and guardian is as strong as it's ever been, but a few changes have taken place, considering the places four-legged friends can kick back with their owners to catch some waves or a tan.

Dog Beach, located at 4933 Voltaire Street, San Diego, Calif., is a 24-hour, leash-free beach for dogs.

"It is a place dogs can run free, play fetch, and socialize with other dogs," said Rey Dominguez, dog guardian, Ocean Beach, Calif. "It's great that the city (San Diego) has designated off leash areas for just this reason."

When taking dogs to Dog Beach or any other leash-free area, it is important for guardians to be aware of the posted designated dog off leash areas, as perimeters may be unsafe



for dogs, such as traffic and sharp objects, according to Dominguez.

"City employees make sure the

leash-free areas are free of harmful debris," said Dominguez.

With the safety of the dogs being a top priority, guardians can breathe easy and enjoy a fun filled day or evening at the beach with their furry companions.

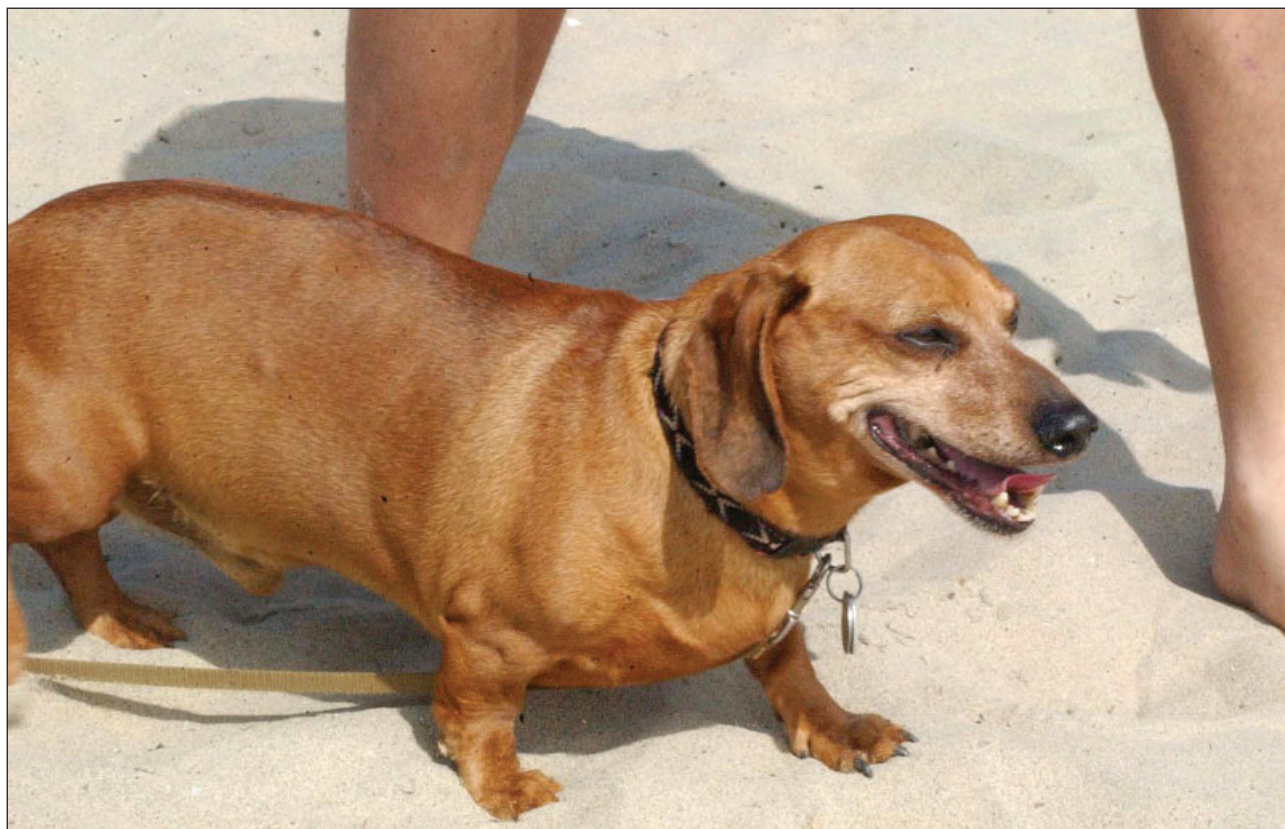
"It's a time for me to kick back and spend time with my babies," said Matt Coher, dog guardian, Ocean Beach, Calif., as he walked down the beach with his two dogs, Hannah, a Border Collie mix, and Sticks, a Pit Bull mix.

Guardians and their dogs have been going to Dog Beach since it was established in 1972, and many of them would probably refer to it as time well spent.

According to a 40-year resident of the Ocean Beach community, Dog Beach represents a place where she can show appreciation for the service dog that takes care of her at home.

"He does everything for me," said Betty Walker about her dog Lieutenant Kige, a border collie. "I look at it as a way to show him I love him."

For more information on places to take dogs in San Diego, check out the Web site www.pet.com.



Sebastian, a Dachshund, enjoys taking walks on the beach with his guardian, Rey Dominguez.



(Left to right) Hannah, border collie mix; Matt Coher, and Sticks, a pit bull mix, come to the beach on a daily basis. Coher has lived in Ocean Beach, Calif., with his companions for two years.

Marksmanship instructor raises bar for excellence at Edson Range

By Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr.
and Cpl. Ethan E. Locke
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Rough ground and small, jagged rocks indent the skin under a Marine's knees as he moves into position to fire at the target down range. As the sweat drips down his brow, the Marine tries to remember the words and techniques taught by his primary marksmanship instructor.

According to Chief Warrant Officer Eric B. Garcia, officer in charge, Marksmanship Training, there are many PMIs at Edson Range, Camp Pendleton, Calif., but few maintain the same level of efficiency as Sgt. Robert C. Maldonado, primary marksmanship instructor, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, Edson Range.

Maldonado stands out among his fellow PMIs, producing high qualification rates and turning out large percentages of expert riflemen.

Maldonado's function as a PMI is to train Marines to use their M16-A2 Service Rifles. Marines rely on their rifles to defend their lives, and their proficiency with a rifle is critical on the battlefield. It could mean life or death.

Marines who learn to shoot through Maldonado's instruction should feel fortunate, according to Staff Sgt. Leopoldo Ruiz, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1147, Company B.

"He explains things very well and the recruits respond to him," said Staff Sgt. Leopoldo Ruiz, senior drill instructor, Platoon 1147, Company B. "He is dedicated to what he does and he does it well."

Maldonado, a San Fernando, Calif., native has been aboard Edson Range for three years where he started as a block noncommissioned officer, supervising coaches on the range and earning his position as a PMI in November 2001.

All the recruits in the last platoon he instructed, Platoon 1147, Company B, qualified as riflemen.

Maldonado received a Navy Achievement Medal for turning out three 100 percent qualified platoons in a row, and he has an overall qualification rate of 97.6 percent.

He also holds the record for the highest amount of experts from a single platoon, as he once qualified 42 recruits as experts.

Maldonado's NAM was awarded by Garcia, who also composed a recommendation letter on his behalf for entry into the California Highway Patrol.

Maldonado is scheduled to join the six-month long CHP academy in Sacramento, Calif., when he leaves the Marine Corps. Meanwhile, he will continue teaching recruits and Marines in the ways of marksmanship.

According to Garcia, there are 109 noncommissioned officers at the range and only 25 of them are selected to become PMIs, making it clear that



Sgt. Robert C. Maldonado, primary marksmanship instructor, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, explains shooting techniques to Recruit Cameron J. Brock, Platoon 2154, Company H.



Sgt. Robert C. Maldonado, primary marksmanship instructor, Weapons and Field Training Battalion, observes the technique of Recruit Jose J. Gonzalez, Platoon 2154, Company H.

Maldonado is one of the best marksmanship instructors the battalion has to offer.

"Drill instructors call up and request my services," Maldonado said. "After qualification day, recruits thank me for helping with their fears and perfecting their skills."

Maldonado is a very effective and positive

instructor, according to Garcia. He was the first PMI to step up the level of efficiency and set an example for everyone.

"He has set the bar for a lot of PMIs now," said Garcia.

Because of his high success rate, some people might assume Maldonado had a lot of experience with a rifle before becoming a Marine. But according to Maldonado, he never fired a rifle before he joined the Corps.

Maldonado takes marksmanship instruction beyond previous standards, and he realizes its importance and takes it very seriously, according to Garcia.

"He wants the recruits he instructs to be as good as him," said Garcia. "He is very passionate about what he does."

Recruits are seen as a challenge to Maldonado, and he strives to teach them the best he can, according to Garcia.

"He is driven by his ability to take an individual who has never fired a weapon and give him something that is eventually going to save his life or another Marine's," said Garcia.

According to Maldonado, a significant source of inspiration for him is his family. His wife of five years and brand new baby boy are sources of motivation for him as he carries out his duties as a Marine.

Maldonado's strength of character, skill and proficiency within his job can be seen on a daily basis, according to many of his peers and fellow Marines.

"Maldonado's attitude definitely shows that even though he will eventually leave the Marine Corps, it will always be in his heart," said Ruiz.

'Whole world' revolves around strong marriage

By Cpl. Ethan E. Locke
Chevron staff

During a tour in Japan, Marines often adapt to the culture they are absorbed in for the duration of their stay. Some learn to speak Japanese. Some tour the beautiful, exotic places the orient has to offer.

For Staff Sgt. Phillip J. Allen, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3057, Company I, Japan was much more than a duty station. He took away from the island of Okinawa something far more valuable than any second language or tour. It was there he met his wife, the woman he calls his "whole world."

"If my wife wasn't such a strong person, I probably never would have made it this far," said Allen about the demanding duty of being a drill instructor.

Allen attributes a lot of his success on the drill field to his wife of nine years, Atsuko Allen. He insists that behind his strength as "a hat" is an incredibly loving, supportive and dedicated wife.

"She never complains about my job," said Allen. "She just takes care of me and the mission at home, so I can complete my mission."

For the last two years, that mission has been making Marines. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of Allen and Atsuko, he graduates his seventh platoon of basically trained Marines today.

"Because of her I am able to have peace of mind about my family and my home," said the native of Queens, N.Y. "I can focus here at work when I have that."

Staying focused at work is very important for drill instructors, according to Allen. They are required to constantly demonstrate an impeccable example of leadership and professionalism.

"Marine Corps leadership starts in recruit training with our example," said Allen. "The recruits get an

understanding of what leadership is from us, and they pass that on to other Marines. It's contagious."

Allen recalls being a new drill instructor "in the trenches" when the sacrifice required to constantly demonstrate strong leadership is most taxing.

"A lot of times new drill instructors get here, and they think it's the end of the world," he said. "They just need to realize that sometimes you have to put the mission above yourself ... A strong marriage and family can help a lot."

According to Atsuko, it takes time for the family to adjust to drill instructor duty as well.

"It was hard when he first started, but I was able to adapt to the lifestyle," she said. "He works very hard because he's a good drill instructor, but he's a good husband and father also."

Perhaps Allen's ability to juggle work with family is hereditary. His mother worked and tried to get an education while raising him and his two sisters.

"My mother is my hero," said the Marine. "She was always making personal sacrifices for us."

With Atsuko and his family by his side, Allen has proven his ability to make sacrifices on the drill field and demonstrates the qualities of a strong leader, according to some of his fellow drill instructors.

"He's highly respected by his peers and superiors because he's an outstanding leader," said Staff Sgt. Nicholaus M. Gombocz, series gunnery sergeant, Series 3057, Company I. "He's constantly leading by example, and he's consistent. He's what a drill instructor should be."

Allen said he strives to always do the right thing as a drill instructor and a leader in order to maintain his integrity, something he says is very important to him.

"I know I'm not the best drill instructor around, but I can sleep at night knowing I've done my job right," said Allen. "I think I'm an effective drill instructor



Staff Sgt. Phillip J. Allen, senior drill instructor, Platoon 3057, Company I, leads his platoon in final drill competition on the parade deck Tuesday. Allen and his platoon received a score of 91.

because I'm a product of the outstanding drill instructors who trained me and came before me."

For two years, Allen has done his job right. After training seven cycles of recruits, he has reason to feel proud of his accomplishments, and so does his family.

"He never complains about his job," said Atsuko. "I'm so very proud of him and what he does."

Marine achieves more thanks to teamwork

By Cpl. Ethan E. Locke
Chevron staff

When he joined the Marine Corps, Lance Cpl. Aaron M. McGuire, Platoon 3057, Company I, and series honorman, Series 3057, was carrying on a family tradition, with many of the men in his family having earned the title Marine, including his father, grandfather, uncle and stepfather.

Today he proudly adds his name to the list of Marines in his family. But according to McGuire, his "Marine family" has grown larger than he ever expected, as he will leave recruit training today with four very special new

brothers bound not by blood but by the leadership and experiences they shared throughout recruit training.

"I feel closer to these guys than the friends back home I've known for years," said McGuire, referring to the four young squad leaders of Platoon 3057. "The bond that we've built is one that can't be described."

McGuire and his new brothers, PFCs Justin R. Mason, Scott J. Hughes, Keith E. Blunk and Ryan A. Walker, Platoon 3057, Company I, worked as a team during recruit training, sharing the responsibilities of recruit leadership within their platoon and becoming great friends at the same time.

"The reason I've accomplished everything I have and the reason I'm leaving here a lance corporal is because of my squad leaders," said the 18-year-old Marine humbly. "Their loyalty, respect, support and friendship made me successful as a leader and made for a tight platoon."

McGuire came to Company I from Medical Recovery Platoon on training day seven after recovering from a case of pneumonia that forced his being dropped from training with Company B about two weeks into the cycle.

Hughes said he remembers McGuire's arrival as a sort of blessing for the platoon.

"He showed a lot of leadership skills right away," said Hughes.

"I was happy to follow his example when he became guide because his presence helped the platoon a lot. The recruits responded well to his leadership style," he added.

McGuire's leadership style is one that was easy to 'click with,' according to his fourth squad leader.

"He just has the ability to motivate all of us," said Mason. "He never quits or slows down, and he's always driving all of us to be better."

McGuire comes from the rural, tight-knit community of Hughes Springs, Texas, where, he says, strong bonds and relationships come natural between the 204 residents of the small town.

"I've always known you can only do so much as an individual," said the brown-eyed Marine. "Everything I've accomplished here I've accomplished as part of a team."

McGuire's drill instructors have taken notice of this strong team of young, new leaders and have tried to cultivate them into strong future leaders in the Marine Corps.

"It's not an easy task taking individuals from different backgrounds and getting them to come together as a team," said Sgt. John S. Gonzales. "But they did it. Their teamwork brought the platoon together."

McGuire and his brothers are looking to the future now, and they hope to continue their friendships for years to come.

"We all plan to stay in touch, and hopefully, we'll be friends for a long time," said McGuire. "No matter what, we will never forget each other or the experiences we shared here."



Lance Cpl. Aaron M. McGuire, series honorman, Series 3057, and platoon guide, Platoon 3057, Company I, said he couldn't have been so successful in recruit training without the support and teamwork of his squad leaders, PFCs Scott J. Hughes (bottom right), Justin R. Mason (bottom left), Keith E. Blunk (right) and Ryan A. Walker (left).



L.Cpl. J.J. Haldiman
Platoon 3055, graduated Co. Honorman for Company I. Recruited by Staff Sgt. I. DeJesus of RS Phoenix.

PFC S.M. Butler
Platoon 3053
Platoon Honorman
Recruited by Staff Sgt. K.D. Mitton of RSS West Valley, Utah.

PFC M.D. Spiropoulou
Platoon 3054
Platoon Honorman
Recruited by Sgt. K.M. Berry of RS Portland, Ore.

LCpl. A.M. McGuire
Platoon 3057
Series Honorman
Recruited by Sgt. L.R. Balderaz of RSS Longview, Texas.

PFC G.D. Elliot
Platoon 3058
Platoon Honorman
Recruited by Staff Sgt. W. Murphy of RSS Joplin, Mo.

PFC A.L. Morrison
Platoon 3059
Platoon Honorman
Recruited by Sgt. A.M. Skinner of RSS Wichita Falls, Texas.

PFC M.B. Hicks
Platoon 3055
Company High Shooter
Recruited by Staff Sgt. S. May of RSS Texarkana, Texas.

LCpl. J.J. Haldiman
Platoon 3055
Company High PFT
Recruited by Staff Sgt. I. Dejesus of RS Phoenix.

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Series Gunnery Sergeant
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Platoon 3053
Senior Drill Instructor
Gunnery Sgt. D.O. Maloy
Drill Instructors
Gunnery Sgt. J. Sanchez



Cpl. Ethan E. Rooke

PFC Keith E. Blunk, second squad leader, Platoon 3057, Company I, presses his khaki shirt Tuesday, preparing it for family day. The new Marines spent a long time preparing to stand before their families as Marines for the first time.

Staff Sgt. G. Cano	Pvt. V.A. Gonzales	Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. R.E. Bennett	Pvt. W.C. Greer	Sgt. D. Martinez
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*PFC R.D. Arney	Pvt. J.T. Hopkins	Sgt. T.L. Hamilton
*PFC J.L. Bartley	Pvt. J.M. Harwood	Sgt. S.M. Salazar
Pvt. B.R. Beck	PFC M.D. Hincks	
PFC M.A. Berenbrok	Pvt. S.C. Hokanson	
*PFC S.M. Butler	Pvt. A.S. Holdbrooks	Pvt. S. Alvidrez
PFC D. Campbell	PFC B.C. Hooper	Pvt. S. Aphonexay
Pvt. E.M. Casteel	Pvt. J.T. Hopkins	Pvt. M.F. Asselin
Pvt. M.M. Christensen	Pvt. D.E. Huston	Pvt. R.E. Ayala
Pvt. K.H. Clampitt	Pvt. T.L. Jones	Pvt. P.E. Barbosa
Pvt. T.M. Clementz	Pvt. B.C. Juarez	Pvt. L. Benites
Pvt. M.A. Corral	Pvt. J.E. Keovongsa	Pvt. M.G. Cardenas
PFC T.S. Cronin	PFC M.C. Lemus	Pvt. C.D. Cassinelli
Pvt. K.P. Dean	PFC D.P. Lewis	Pvt. C.E. Cecil
Pvt. M.J. Elsass	Pvt. T. Songvilay	PFC J.D. Cheney
Pvt. J.R. Estes	Pvt. N.J. Stanard	Pvt. W.D. Clark
Pvt. A.L. Frizzell		Pvt. N.A. Cook
Pvt. N.D. Gaskins		Pvt. M.J. Correll
		Pvt. J.N. Edwards

Platoon 3054

Pvt. G.D. Farthing
Pvt. J.L. Fenderson
Pvt. D.K. Fraidenburg
Pvt. L.A. Geringer
Pvt. T.S. Glass
Pvt. A. Graciano
Pvt. J.D. Keeling
Pvt. C.W. Krcha
Pvt. H.F. Lopez
Pvt. M.A. Lopez
Pvt. T.P. Lytle
PFC A.J. Madison
Pvt. J.P. Martinez
*PFC J.J. McDowell
PFC S.E. Moctezuma
Pvt. J. Moniger
*PFC D.A. Moon
PFC J.L. Moreno
PFC R.A. Nava
Pvt. C.A. Panky
PFC M.D. Spiropoulou
*PFC R.J. Teller
Pvt. Z.J. Wiedyk

Platoon 3055
Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. R.R. Bender
Drill Instructors
Sgt. J.W. Sonsini
Sgt. J. Rajvong
Sgt. S.D. Thompson

Pvt. A.A. Anderson
Pvt. S.R. Armstrong
PFC J.M. Avila
PFC H.R. Azevedo
Pvt. J.J. Christlieb
PFC G.L. Davis
PFC M.J. Davis
Pvt. R.M. Dionisio
Pvt. J.D. Geist
Pvt. T.M. Greene
Pvt. P.E. Gutierrez
*LCpl. J.J. Haldiman
PFC M.R. Hall
Pvt. J.D. Hammond
Pvt. C.J. Harris
*PFC M.B. Hicks
PFC C.R. Higbee
Pvt. R.A. Iribe-Arellano
PFC B.S. Jessup
Pvt. S.G. Kiviaho
Pvt. J.M. Kladek
PFC G.M. Lucero-Moreno
PFC J.Z. Markwell
Pvt. E. Martinez
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Pvt. C.H. Nelson
Pvt. J.D. Parmentier
PFC W.T. Peugh
Pvt. N.R. Preciado
Pvt. A.J. Putnam
Pvt. J.M. Rodriguez
PFC O.D. Russell
Pvt. S.C. Selby
PFC C.M. Shelhamer
PFC D.M. Simon
PFC E.E. Toppen
Pvt. R. Zermeno

Platoon 3057
Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. P.J. Allen
Drill Instructors

U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant Major Annanias Rose

Reviewing Officer



Sgt. Maj. Annanias Rose was born July 19, 1956, in Birmingham, Ala. He graduated from George Washington Carver High School on May 26, 1974. He reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., on May 28, 1974, for basic training. Upon completion of recruit training he reported to the School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, Calif., for infantry training. After graduation from Infantry Training School he was assigned to Sea School at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va. He graduated from Sea School in October 1974 and was assigned to his first duty station, the *USS Independence*, home ported at the Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, Va.

In November 1976, Rose was transferred to the 2nd Marine Division. He reported to Company I, 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment. He served as Machine Guns Section leader, platoon sergeant and platoon commander. In April 1978, he was reassigned to Company

A, 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment. He performed the duties of platoon sergeant, company gunnery sergeant and platoon commander.

In May 1979, Rose was assigned orders to Drill Instructor School, Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego. He served as a drill instructor with Company M.

In March 1980, Rose was assigned to the 1st Marine Division. He reported to Company F, 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment. He served as platoon sergeant and platoon commander.

In March 1984, Rose was transferred to Landing Force Training Command, Pacific. His primary duty was an amphibious raid instructor. He also assisted and taught reconnaissance, water safety survival and scout swimmers techniques. In December 1989, he was transferred to Headquarters Company, 9th Marine Regiment, Camp Hansen, Okinawa, Japan, as a combat squad leader instructor.

In January 1990, he was transferred to Company I, 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, Camp Pendleton. He served as platoon sergeant, company gunnery sergeant, combined anti-arms team commander and platoon commander.

In May 1993, he was transferred to Headquarters Company, Headquarters and Service Battalion here. He served as the staff noncommissioned officer-in-charge of



Lance Cpl. Edward R. Guevara Jr.

Pvt. Jared D. Hammond, Platoon 3055, Company I, changes magazines while firing the unknown distance course at Range 501, Edson Range, Camp Pendleton. Recruits fire the unknown distance course during a week of training known as field week.

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Sgt. P.J. Hermges

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PFC M.S. Albert
Pvt. Z.H. Ali
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Pvt. C.M. Clark
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Pvt. N.C. Gonzalez
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PFC O.D. Russell
Pvt. J.N. Johnson
Pvt. R.L. Kendall
PFC D.M. Simon
Pvt. J.C. Lopez
PFC V.R. Lu
Pvt. L.D. Lumsey
PFC J.R. Mason
Pvt. D.M. Mattson
*PFC T.L. McClure
*LCpl. A.M. McGuire
Pvt. I. Moraarmenta

Pvt. A.M. Munoz
Pvt. B.C. Owings
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Pvt. A.R. Taylor
PFC T.L. Thompson
*PFC Z. Vue
PFC R.A. Walker
Pvt. F.C. Williams
PFC S.M. Wilson

Platoon 3058
Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. C.O. James
Drill Instructors
Staff Sgt. J.A. Staton
Staff Sgt. M.D. Barcenas
Staff Sgt. E.R. Rogers

Pvt. R.J. Brown

Pvt. R.G. Capetillo
*PFC B.W. Delfiorentino
PFC A.T. Diaz
*PFC C.R. Dimas
*PFC G.D. Elliot
Pvt. L.A. Encinas
PFC J.D. Ensuna
Pvt. J.T. Gallagher
Pvt. T.P. Gordon
Pvt. G. Gudino
Pvt. J.L. Harrison
PFC M.A. Horner
PFC B.M. Johnson
PFC Z.C. Kirkman
Pvt. R.M. Kramschuster
Pvt. A. Montes
Pvt. J.W. Morrow
PFC R.E. Ryba
Pvt. J. Sanchez
Pvt. T.W. Shillito
Pvt. K.A. South
Pvt. C.S. Spanger
Pvt. J.E. Tellez
Pvt. J.C. Thomson
Pvt. M.A. Tyhurst
Pvt. M.A. Valenzuela
PFC R.D. Van Dorn

Pvt. K.J. Waldron
Pvt. R.S. Watkins
Pvt. R.D. White
Pvt. S.G. Wilson
Pvt. J.R. Yazzie
Pvt. T.W. Yoder
Pvt. B.A. Zahringer

Platoon 3059
Senior Drill Instructor
Staff Sgt. S.K. Housmans
Drill Instructors
Sgt. J.P. Saul
Sgt. D. Menuza

Pvt. C.B. Buckman
Pvt. M.E. Eke
Pvt. E.A. Escolero
Pvt. V. Gutierrez
Pvt. D.R. Hambright
Pvt. J.B. Larson
Pvt. J.P. Maas
Pvt. A.R. Martinez
PFC L.L. Maxwell
PFC A.L. Morrison
Pvt. A.J. Neptune
Pvt. P.L. Nguyen

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Pvt. E.G. Perez
*PFC T.M. Pollok
*PFC D.M. Portillodelao
Pvt. P.F. Powell
PFC J.M. Romero
PFC N.P. Rose
Pvt. I.M. Sanchez
Pvt. J.F. Saucedoochoa
PFC J.S. Schmidt
Pvt. A.A. Six
PFC Z.P. Smith
Pvt. D.B. Stockton
PFC T.D. Thomas
PFC R.M. Torgeson III
Pvt. C.J. Valadez
Pvt. C.J. Vassar
Pvt. E. Vasquez
Pvt. L.C. Wagner
Pvt. C.L. Williams
*PFC C.R. Wilson
PFC J.P. Young

** Denotes meritorious promotion*



MCRD guard, Anelia Jolly, takes it to the basket against Camp Pendleton guard, Ashley Lowless, during the Women's Varsity Basketball Tournament Semi-finals.



MCRD guard, Anelia Jolly, looks to pass to a teammate. Jolly served up eight assists and scored 14 points.

March Madness begins early at Depot field house

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Cpl. Shawn M. Toussaint
Chevron staff

Basketball gurus received an early dose of "March Madness" as the Depot's Field House hosted this year's Women's Varsity Basketball Championship Tournament March 7-9.

The six-team tournament pitted Marines against sailors from military bases around the Southern California region.

The opening game of the tournament was a nail biter for the home fans, but MCRD managed to edge Coronado 56-54 by the final whistle.

"We have to take it one game at a time," said MCRD guard Anelia Jolly. "It's about getting the win. We can't worry about how we get it."

Advancing to the next round of the tournament, MCRD faced their long-time rival Camp Pendleton, a team in which MCRD victories come few and far between.

"I was surprised," said Jeff Carr, varsity sports director, Depot Fitness Center, MCRD, about the team's victory over Camp Pendleton 62-46.

According to MCRD point guard, "Tweet" Johnson, the win was not a surprise at all.

Johnson launched long-range bombs from beyond the arc and hit with amazing accuracy, shooting four for seven from long range.

"There is no secret about shooting well from outside," said Johnson. "I just relax and shoot."

In the quarterfinals, MCRD faced cross-town rival Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif.

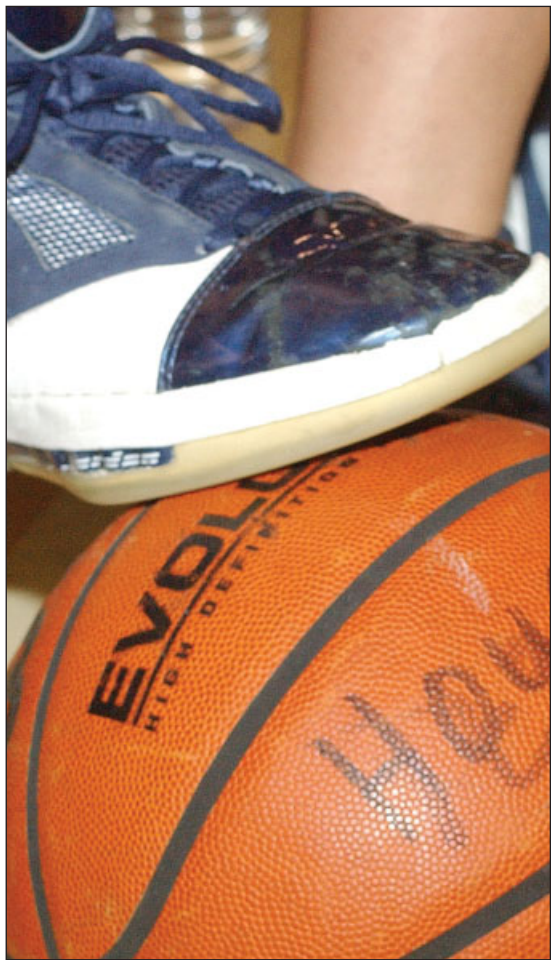
"They are always tough," said Lawson about Miramar's women's varsity basketball team. "They are one of the only teams that can match up with us on a skill level."

Although the two teams were evenly matched, Miramar outran MCRD in the end and won 63-51.

After the loss, MCRD played 32nd Street Naval Base in a game to see who would face Miramar for the championship.

MCRD won the game 73-63 and went on to play in a rematch-championship game versus Miramar.

A well-rested Miramar team faced an excited but fatigued MCRD in what seemed to be a heavy



Tools of the trade for the Women's Varsity Basketball team.

weight title bout. With friends and family on hand, MCRD came out with plenty of energy despite playing the additional game.

"We came out energized," said Lawson. "It worked for us until we started turning the ball over."

MCRD suffered from turnovers and missed opportunities, which eventually left them down for the count, losing 66-47.

Claiming the second place trophy was not what MCRD had planned, but the fun-filled weekend of hoops was something all could come out and enjoy.

"It's been fun," said MCRD forward, Dee Odom. "My daughter got to come out and see me play. She had fun and so did I."